

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A data processing method for creating an executable file by combining a plurality of run units, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~
~~reading a first run unit to be added to the executable file;~~
~~locating a first data entity set to a first string value in the first run unit;~~
~~responsive to a determination that a first run unit to be added to the executable file comprises a first data entity set to a first value indicating that the first data entity is required to appear only once in the executable file, determining whether matching the first data entity matches [[with]] a second data entity set to a second string value and included in a second run unit, the second data entity being from a wherein the second run unit comprises a run unit that was previously added to the executable file; [[and]]~~
~~responsive to a determination that the first data entity matches the second data entity, adding the first run unit to the executable file [[but]] without the first data entity; and~~
~~responsive to a determination that the first data entity does not match the second data entity, adding the first run unit to the executable file with the first data entity.~~
2. (Currently amended) A method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of matching matches~~ the first data entity [[with]] ~~matches~~ the second data entity if the first ~~string~~ value and second ~~string~~ value are identical.
3. (Currently amended) A method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of matching matches~~ the first data entity [[with]] ~~matches~~ the second data entity if the second ~~string~~ value ~~partially matches~~ contains the first ~~string~~ value.
4. (Currently amended) A method of claim 3 further comprising ~~the steps:~~
~~reading a third run unit to be added to the executable file, wherein the third run unit contains a third data entity of a third string value;~~
~~determining whether matching the first data entity matches a with the third data entity included in a third run unit to be added to the executable file, wherein the third data entity is set to a third value indicating that the third data entity is required to appear only once in the executable file, and wherein the first data entity matches the third data entity a match is found if the third string value contains the first string value;~~

responsive to a determination that the first data entity matches the third data entity, removing the first data entity from the executable file; and
adding the third data entity to the executable file.

5. (Currently amended) A method of claim 1 wherein the determination that the first run unit to be added to the executable file comprises a first data entity set to a first value indicating that the first data entity is required to appear only once in the executable file, ~~the step of locating a first data entity~~ comprises the steps of:

locating ~~two or more~~ a plurality of data entities in the first run unit; and
creating the first data entity from the ~~two or more data~~ plurality of data entities.

6. (Currently amended) A method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of locating a first data entity locates the first data entity using a key value by which the first data entity is marked~~ value is a key value.

7-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A method of claim 5 wherein ~~the step of locating two or more a plurality of data entities comprises locating a plurality of~~ locates two or more data entities using a key value by which each of the ~~two or more~~ plurality of data entities is marked.

15-20. (Canceled)